

**Summary of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of
the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2014-2015)**

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its 2nd meeting on 24 January 2014.

Terms of Reference of the EHDDC (2014-2015)

3. Members noted the terms of reference of EHDDC endorsed by Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”).

Formation of Working Groups under the EHDDC (2014-2015)

4. EHDDC resolved that the following three standing working groups would be set up:

- (i) Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities;
- (ii) Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities; and
- (iii) Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54.

5. The results of the election of convenors were as follow:

<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities	CHAN Wan-sang	LEE Hung-sham	TSUI Fan
Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities	LAM Chung-hoi	CHAN Shu-ying	WONG Lai-sheung
Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54	TO Sheck-yuen	SO Ka-man	SO Oi-kwan

6. EHDDC resolved that the terms of reference of the three working groups of the previous term would be continued to be adopted.

Optimal Use of Public Space under Footbridges/Flyovers for District Greening Work

7. EHDDC held discussion on the problem of littering in the planters under the footbridges/flyovers along Kei Lung Path and resolved that the issue would be followed up by the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities.

Improvement of Sewage Problem Resulting from the Cleaning of Refuse Areas

8. Regarding the refuse bin washing activities carried out outside the refuse station by employees of the contractor of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”), Members opined that when FEHD submitted the report on the incident to the Environmental Protection Department, a copy of which should also be forwarded to EHDDC. Members also opined that the four issues mentioned below should be followed up by FEHD: (1) miscellaneous articles should not be piled in the refuse station so that there would be sufficient space to place rubbish bins; (2) review should be conducted to examine whether the existing sewage facilities of the refuse station needed to be improved; (3) the attitude of the employees of the contractor should be rectified; and (4) restaurants should be prohibited from taking away the refuse bins to collect food waste.

Proposed Brothers Marine Park

9. Members put forward their views on the proposed Brothers Marine Park (“BMP”). After discussion, while expressing no objection to the proposal at the present stage, Members raised concerns over the location of BMP. EHDDC resolved to write to the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”), asking it to clarify whether the reclamation project carried out in the area near the location proposed by CEDD would cause adverse impacts on BMP. EHDDC also resolved to write to the Marine Department, asking it to provide information about the fairways and number of ships and to clarify whether the ship traffic would affect BMP. In addition, EHDDC requested the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

(“AFCD”) and Highways Department (“HyD”) to, after the completion of consultation with Islands District and Tsuen Wan District, further consult TMDC and consider all views received on the issue.

Progress Report of PWP No. 4160DS – Upgrading of Tuen Mun Sewerage, Phase 1 and PWP No. 4346DS – Tuen Mun Sewerage, Stage 1

10. EHDDC would like to remind the Drainage Services Department (“DSD”) to: (i) keep close contact with the Rural Committee and village representatives on the arrangement of sewer connection; (ii) improve the supervision of works implemented along the Castle Peak Road; (iii) reply to EHDDC and DC members of the constituency concerned in respect of not including Kwong Shan Tsuen in the project scope; and (iv) submit a progress report in due course.

Progress Report on the Review of the Organisation of the Joint Office and the Detection of Water Seepage Research Project by ASTRI

11. EHDDC said that the performance of the Joint Office (Buildings Department/Food and Environmental Hygiene Department) in improving the problem was retrogressive. It remarked that the progress of the review was disappointing and unacceptable, and hoped that the Departments would consider Members’ views to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness in handling water seepage cases. It also hoped that once there was new progress, the Departments could discuss the issue with Members and consider Members’ views relating to legal aspect.

Clearance of *Leucaena leucocephala* (Wild Tree)

12. EHDDC opined that departments concerned should deal with the problem of *Leucaena leucocephala* in a consistent manner. It resolved to write to the Tree Management Office (“TMO”) to enquire about the methods to deal with *Leucaena leucocephala* and ask it to reply before the next meeting. The Chairman requested AFCD and HyD to provide supplementary information and attend the next meeting to respond to the enquiries raised by Members.

Oppose the Extension of the West New Territories Landfill

13. EHDDC pointed out that the issues had been discussed at a special meeting held

by TMDC and the Chairman of TMDC had drawn a conclusion on the issue. Therefore, it would not be discussed at the meeting and the supplementary information provided by the Member who submitted the paper would be recorded.

Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

14. Members put forth their views and questions on the conversion of aqua privies into flushing toilets. The Chairman asked FEHD to reply the enquiries raised by Members after the meeting. A Member expressed concern over the matters relating to the sashimi permit and licence for barbecue sites.

Anti-rodent Campaign 2014 (Phase 1) in Tuen Mun by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

15. A Member expressed concern over the problem of rodent infestation in San Hui Market. The representative of FEHD said that the Department would urge the contractor to review whether there was any defective area. The Pest Control Section of FEHD would conduct inspection and provide advice. It would also carry out the monitoring work properly.

Progress Report by Drainage Services Department as at 31.12.2014

16. EHDDC opined that the channel desilting at Tuen Mun River was carried out in a slapdash manner and asked DSD and CEDD to follow up.

Concerns over the Environmental Hygiene of the Areas near Tuen Mun Clinic

17. A Member had previously suggested that the Ex-staff Quarters of the Castle Peak Hospital could be considered as a possible site for relocation of the methadone clinic, and that a site visit should be arranged. While EHDDC agreed that the methadone clinic should be relocated, a Member worried that visiting one site only might give a wrong impression to the residents that EHDDC had a predetermined position on the relocation sites. The Chairman suggested not to make decision on the site visit for the time being and invited Members to propose potential relocation sites for discussion at the next meeting. For the improvement works carried out in the methadone clinic by the Security Bureau, the Social Services Committee would follow up on the issue.

Thematic Graphic Design of Chi Lok Bridge

18. EHDDC consulted Members on the request of a member of the public to amend the caption of the picture of “Sam Shing Temple” on the thematic wall of Chi Lok Bridge. After discussion, EHDDC agreed that the caption should be revised. EHDDC also opined that the people concerned should be consulted on the revised wording. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to verify with the people concerned and brief Member at the next meeting.

Secretariat, Tuen Mun District Council

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